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Agricultural Labourers

246. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the agricultural labourers at present, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) the minimum wage fixed for such labourers, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the proper introduction of the minimum wage policy?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b). A *Statement* indicating the number of agricultural labourers, and the available information on minimum rates of wages as fixed by the different State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and Central Government is attached

(c) Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 both Central and the State Governments are the appropriate Governments for implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the Act in respect of the scheduled employments under their respective jurisdiction. The Minimum Wages Act has been implemented in all the States and Union Territories except the State of Sikkim wherein it has not been extended so far. The Central Government keep impressing upon the State Governments from time to time to take various measures to improve the effectiveness of the Minimum Wages Act in their respective State. The steps recommended include the utilisation of services of the officers of other departments like Revenue, Agriculture, Cooperation etc. in the enforcement of the Act, to increase the number of inspectors, to constitute implementation committee at different levels, to give wide publicity to the provisions of the Act through various media like Radio, Press etc.

STATEMENT

Daily Rates of Minimum Wages for Agricultural Workers fixed by Different States/UTs under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.

S No	State/UTs	No. of Agricultural workers (in Thousands)	Minimum Wages for unskilled Agricultural workers
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	11625	Rs. 30 00 To Rs. 36.60 p d (According to Zones) (12-2-96)
2	Arunachal Pradesh	20	Rs. 21.00 To Rs. 24.00 p d (According to Areas) (1-11-90)
3	Assam	845	Rs 1134 00 p m or Rs 984.00 p m plus food, shelter and clothing (1-2-92)
4	Bihar	9513	Rs 27.30 p d (21-12-95)
5	Goa	35	Rs. 46 00 p d (8 5 95)
6	Gujarat	3231	Rs 15 00 p d. (1-8-90)
7	Haryana	897	Rs 48 57 p d with meals or Rs 52 57 p d without meals (1-7-95)
8	Himachal Pradesh	59	Rs. 45 75 p d (1-3-96)
9	Jammu & Kashmir	.	Rs 30 00 p.d. (13-3-95)
10	Karnataka	5000	Rs. 26 00 p d (12-7-88)

1	2	3	4
11.	Kerala	2120	Rs. 30.00 p.d. for women Rs. 40.20 p.d. for men (31-3-92)
12.	Madhya Pradesh	5863	Rs. 35.30 p.d. (1-10-95)
13	Maharashtra	8313	Rs. 20.00 p.d. Rs. 29.00 p.d (According to Zones) (26-6-94)
14	Manipur	47	Rs. 40 90 p.d for Hill Areas and Rs 37.90 p d. for other than Hill Areas (23-12-88)
15.	Meghalaya	89	Rs 35 00 p.d. (16-3-94)
16..	Mizoram	10	Rs 35.00 p d. (11-6-93)
17	Nagaland	7	Rs. 25 00 p.d. (6.7.92)
18.	Orissa	2967	Rs 25.00 p.d. (1-7-90)
19	Punjab	1453	Rs 55.58 p d without meal or Rs. 49 53 p.d with meals (1-9-95)
20	Rajasthan	1392	Rs 32 00 p d (Jan. 95)
21	Sikkim	13	The Minimum Wages Act, 1948 is yet to be extended
22	Tamil Nadu	7899	Rs 20 00 p.d (6-4-93)
23	Tripura	188	Rs 26 65 p d (15-5-95)
24	Uttar Pradesh	7833	Rs 33 00 p.d. to Rs 35.00 p.d. (7-1-92)
25	West Bengal	5055	Rs 37 00 p.d. Rs 27 80 p d plus two principal (1-10-94) Meals
26	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	5	Rs 27.00 p d (Andaman) Rs. 28.00 p d (Nicobar) (13-8-92)
27	Chandigarh	2	Rs 39 42 p d with meals or Rs 43 25 p d without meals (1-3-92)
28	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	6	Rs 40 00 p.d (18-5-95)
29	Delhi	25	Rs 59 45 p d (1-8-95)
30	Daman and Diu	1	Rs 35 00 p.d (8.5.95)
31	Lakshadweep		Rs 30 00 p d (1-1-93)

1	2	3	4
32	Pondicherry	7	
	(i) Pondicherry Region		Rs. 20.00 to Rs 22.00 p.d. (24-7-95)
	(ii) Mahe Region		Rs. 30.00 p.d. for light work Rs 40.20 p.d. for hard work (24-7-95)
	(iii) Yanam Region		Rs. 19.25 to Rs 26.25 p.d. (24-7-95)
	(iv) Karaikal		Rs 20 00 to Rs. 22.00 p.d. (24-7-95)
33	Central Sphere		Rs 55.53 p.d. (1-4-96)

National Trust for mentally retarded children

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Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Trust for the welfare of mentally retarded children.

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) the details of facilities likely to be provided to them and

(d) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WE FARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) (a, Yes Sir

(b) The Welfare of the persons with mental retardation and cerebral palsy has been engaging the attention of the Government for a long time The main problem which has to be solved while dealing with persons suffering from mental retardation and cerebral palsy is how to provide for the care of such persons after the death of their parents or guardians The Bill titled "Nationa Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Mental Retardation and Cerebral Palsy, Bill 1995" was introducted in the Xth Lok Sabha on 6 12 1995 However the Bill could not come up for consideration and lapsed

The main objective of the Trust will be to make arrangements for care and rehabilitation of such persons to provide aid and assistance to the organisations engaged in such care and to receive and manage the properties bequeathed for the purpose

(c) The Trust will provide the following facilities

(i) To arrange and provide care and rehabilitation to the persons with mental retardation and cerebral palsy,

(ii) To set up homes and service institutions for the persons with mental retardation and cerebral palsy.

(iii) To provide guidelines, aids and assistance to the organisation providing care and rehabilitation services to the persons with mental retardation and cerebral palsy,

(iv) To provide guardianship and foster care,

(v) To strengthen and support the welfare programmes of families, parent associations and voluntary organisations

(vi) To receive from the parents the properties bequeathed by them for the maintenence of their children with mental retardation or cerebral palsy, and

(vii) To undertake such other activities for the promotion of care and rehabilitation of the persons with mental retardation and cerebral palsy

(d) As a result of the constitution of XIth Lok Sabha, the Bill titled "National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Mental Retardation and Cerebral Palsy 1995' which was introduced in the Xth Lok Sabha on 6 12 1995, lapsed, as per the provision contained in Article 107 (5) of the Constitution Efforts are being made to reintroduce the Bill in the Lok Sabha as early as possible after completing all the formalities relating to re-introduction of this Bill